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sup·press **Pronunciation Key** (sə-prĕs')
tr.v. **sup·pressed**, **sup·press·ing**, **sup·press·es**

1. To put an end to forcibly; subdue.
2. To curtail or prohibit the activities of.
3. To keep from being revealed, published, or circulated.
4. To deliberately exclude (unacceptable desires or thoughts) from the mind.
5. To inhibit the expression of (an impulse, for example); check: *suppress a smile*.
6. To reduce the incidence or severity of (a hemorrhage or cough, for example); arrest.

[Middle English suppressen, from Latin *supprimere*, *suppress-* : *sub-*, *sub-* + *premere*, *to press*; see *per-*⁴ in Indo-European Roots.]

sup·press·ant *n.*

sup·press·ible *adj.*

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sup·press (sə-prĕs')

v. **sup·pressed**, **sup·press·ing**, **sup·press·es**

1. To curtail or inhibit the activity of something, such as the immune system.
2. To deliberately exclude unacceptable desires or thoughts from the mind.
3. To reduce the incidence or severity of a condition or symptom, such as a hemorrhage.

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\Sup*press"\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. Suppressed; p. pr. & vb. n. Suppressing.] [L. suppressus, p. p. of supprimere to suppress; sub under + premere, pressum, to press. See Sub-, and Press.]
1. To overpower and crush; to subdue; to put down; to quell.

Every rebellion, when it is suppressed, doth make the subject weaker, and the prince stronger. --Sir J. Davies.

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2. To keep in; to restrain from utterance or vent; as, to suppress the voice; to suppress a smile. --Sir W. Scott.
3. To retain without disclosure; to conceal; not to reveal; to prevent publication of; as, to suppress evidence; to suppress a pamphlet; to suppress the truth.

She suppresses the name, and this keeps him in a pleasing suspense. --Broome.

4. To stop; to restrain; to arrest the discharges of; as, to suppress a diarrhea, or a hemorrhage.

Syn: To repress; restrain; put down; overthrow; overpower; overwhelm; conceal; stifle; stop; smother.

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v 1: to put down by force or authority; "suppress a nascent uprising", "stamp down on littering" "conquer one's desires" [syn: stamp down, inhibit, subdue, conquer, curb] 2: come down on; "The government oppresses political activists" [syn: oppress, crush] 3: control and refrain from showing; of emotions [syn: bottle up] 4: put out of one's consciousness; in psychiatry [syn: repress]

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